

Daily Eagle

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MEXICO AND HER WAYS.

WHAT ROSWELL P. FLOWER OBSERVED DURING A RECENT VISIT.

Advantages of the Mexican Pacific Road.

Mining and Machinery—Country and Climate—Twenty Great Cities—How the Natives Work—Travel.

We ought to have Mexico for our neighbor and business friend, with perfect intercourse. The Mexican Pacific road gives us a wonderful opportunity to reach out into this country and develop it. Our people have no idea what it is. The great bulk of the people are still in as primitive a state as those along the Nile. You may see them in sandals, half-naked, bearing burdens on their heads, laboring in the old primitive ways of which we read. Why at Zacatecas there is a mine that has been operated for 350 years. It was bought by an English company and put in charge of a Gen. Howard. The finest mining machinery was bought and sent to him. He couldn't use it in competition with cheap native labor, and to-day the descendants of the Indians who opened the mine 350 years ago are carrying out the ore on their backs just as their ancestors did. They get twenty-five cents a day. Machinery can't compete with that.

FINE COUNTRY AND CLIMATE.

There are 700 miles of the Mexican Pacific road running through a fine country as the world over saw, at an elevation of about 7,000 feet above the sea. In those fields I saw twenty yoke of oxen hitched to a single one-pointed plow. You see donkeys on the streets with dressed mutton, lamb or beef hanging from the saddle, while the master peddles it out. The air is so dry that the most delicate of spoils in it. They carry trunks around on their backs. At the most a two-wheeled donkey cart is used. A wagon man went down there to sell wagons, and could do nothing at all, until one day in the plaza he unhitched six pairs of mules from one of their carts, put them on a wagon and demonstrated that he could pull with the mules four times as much in a wagon as they had drawn in a cart. He sold 100 wagons right away.

They use litters for a great many burdens. You will see two men stuck between the handles of a litter in the City of Mexico, carrying a coffin and a dead man out beyond the limits. They dig a hole in the ground about two and one-half feet deep, throw in the corpse, cover it up and return the coffin. A funeral costs about fifty cents. When the Mexican Pacific road was being built, those who charge gave the men shovels with long handles. They had been using shovels with handles about two feet long, which made them stoop down to the ground. They said the long shovels were no good, and proceeded to break off the handles and continue their back-breaking method. After a time they got accustomed to the shovels. Now there is a people among whom a wonderful trade can be developed. It only needs a commercial treaty to assure manufacturers that prices are to be steady to make Mexico a most valuable neighbor and ally.

TWENTY GREAT CITIES.

The cities are extremely populous. From El Paso to Mexico City there must be twenty great cities with populations ranging from 40,000 up to 120,000. Except in Mexico there is little or no civilization. In one of these cities I saw great camphene torches suspended at the street corners for lighting. In the City of Mexico you will find electric light, gas, telephones and everything of that kind. In the most of the cities you will find horse-drawn carriages. If they could have the lamps and other articles which we manufacture at something like our rates it would make a wonderful market. A great many Germans and English have gone into Mexico recently and bought farming lands, which they are working with modern plows and machinery. They will soon force the natives to use the same implements and we might supply them all. We can get from them coffee, sugar, hides and many things that do not interfere with our own productions to any extent.

I was the traveling companion for a time of Senator Hearst and Joaquin Miller. They were down there to investigate the mining possibilities. Senator Hearst told me that, although Mexico was for many decades the principal source of the world's supply of silver and much of its gold, and although some of her rich mines have been worked for centuries, the richest mines have never been opened at all. They lie back in the country and have been wholly inaccessible. They require spurs of railroad to reach and develop them even now.

Travel there is unaccompanied by any danger. The railroad system will soon do for Mexico and the United States what the opening of railroads to Savannah, Atlanta and New Orleans did for the south. The railroad makes Mexico feel open. A new railroad almost always impoverishes its neighbors and enriches the line. Mexico has an in-

come of \$25,000,000 a year, with \$50,000,000 of expenses. It is unable to meet the grants to the railroad. But I found President Diaz hopeful and sensible of the future. He sees that the railroad, by enabling him to mass troops anywhere in the country, has made revolutions impossible, and will give the country permanent peace, under which it will speedily thrive. The government feels so strongly on this point that a robber along the line of the road meets with severe punishment. This is making travel more secure every day.—New York Tribune Interview.

A Petrified "Boa Constrictor."

The interesting story now going the rounds of the press about the finding of a petrified boa constrictor of immense size near Piedmont, W. Va., is a hoax. It is true that a wonderful discovery has recently occurred near that place, but instead of the petrified snake it is a gigantic fern fossil of the carboniferous age—a sigillaria easily recognized by the seal-like impressions and unjointed stem. The seal impressions are probably what were taken for the scales of the snake. The fossil is slightly flattened, and is eighteen feet long and six inches in diameter.—Chicago Times.

Uniform System of Signals.

Efforts are being made to prepare a series of railroad signals which will be understood on any road in the country. As it is at present the code of one line often conflicts or differs from that of another road, so that if a trainman accepts a position on another road he has the whole code of signals to learn over again, and then he is in constant danger of confusing the two. This would all be done away with if a uniform system be adopted.

A Modern Demosthenes.

Hugh Swinton Legare, of South Carolina, was a good specimen of a cultivated orator. Originally his voice had been harsh and weak, while a defective shape and ill-proportioned arms (one of which had been stiffened with smallpox in his youth) seemed to render it impossible for him ever to attain a graceful or an expressive pronunciation. Yet, by a self-training to which the famous one of Demosthenes was almost nothing, he vanquished these formidable disadvantages. By the practice of everything that could strengthen his utterance, and improve his whole enunciation, he absolutely created himself a voice the most powerful and one of the most perfect I had ever heard. It became clear, musical, delicate and true in its most minutest intonations, while, in its more vehement bursts of sound, it grew capable of filling the largest hall with thundering tones, to which we have often felt the walls of a legislature ring and vibrate.

His overcame, in like manner, or contrived to hide, his bodily defects, so as to attain a command of gesture quite sufficient to second the beautiful recitative of his voice and the play of features unusually striking, a noble and commanding countenance, full of intellect and passion, and fit to mirror all that the glow of his eloquence could express. Mr. Legare was United States charge des affaires at Brussels from 1832 until 1835, and was one of the most popular diplomatic representatives our country has ever had at that refined court. Appointed attorney general by John Tyler, he accompanied him when we went to Boston to attend a celebration of the battle of Bunker Hill, and was taken ill, dying there on the 23d of June, 1843.—Ben: Perley Poore.

Bayard Taylor's European Tour.

I like the man who roughs it as Bayard Taylor did. In the old volume before me, published in 1848, he tells how four years before he started for Europe what might be called the apostolic plan. He had no money and he earned his living as he went along. His staff was his comrade. He spent two years traveling in Europe and it cost him \$500, which money he earned by writing for The United States Gazette and The Saturday Evening Post. He lived to be American minister to the German court, and in Germany he died.

As he traveled to his honorable post in all the luxury a modern occasion could afford, I wonder if he thought of the time when he first crossed in the storage of the Oxford, a Liverpool packet, at a cost of \$24, with the proviso that he should furnish his own food and bedding. The passage occupied twenty-eight days. Young Taylor traveled three weeks in Ireland and Scotland at a cost of \$25. London cost him three shillings a day. At Frankfurt he spent seven months, and each month cost him but \$10. Four months in Florence cost him \$50. Paris cost him only \$3 a week. Few of us can "do" the gay city for that.—Cor. Detroit Free Press.

The King of Spiders.

A French entomologist has described the bird spider of tropical America, the largest of the several hundred known species of spiders, as a formidable creature having a body four and a quarter inches long, or a diameter of seven inches with the legs extended. It is the center of which its 1,500 or 2,000 eggs are deposited, is so strengthened as to be capable of arresting a small bird; and the spider is sufficiently powerful to destroy not only young birds and adult humming birds, but large lizards and reptiles.—Arkansas Traveler.

Barbed Metallic Strips for Fence.

A Pittsburg mechanic thinks he has invented a device which will revolutionize the barbed wire fence business. The invention is for barbed metallic strips about three-quarters of an inch wide. The machine cuts a barbed strip from one-quarter to one-sixteenth of an inch in thickness. A machine capable of producing sixty miles of this barbed metallic strip per day can be built for \$300. Machines for the same purpose now in use cost \$25,000 apiece, and are only capable of producing thirty miles of wire per diem.—Chicago Times.

The Spanish Royal Family.

The queen regent of Spain is spending the season at La Granja. Every morning her majesty goes out with the children, very simply attired, and unattended by any suite. She may be frequently seen sitting on a bench in the palace grounds with the infant king in her lap and the two little princesses playing on the grass around her. After dinner her majesty gives an audience to Senor Marti-nex on affairs of state, and at 6 in the evening she takes an hour's drive along the Es-sain road.—Chicago Times.

A Puzzled Youngster.

Johnny and his elder sister made up the class, and Johnny had come to rely on his sister's industry for his lessons. "Johnny, upon what does the earth revolve?" asked the teacher. "Ax, ax," replied Johnny, scratching his head to evoke an idea. "Correct." And Johnny afterward explained it to a companion. He was "the puzzled boy in creation."—Tid Bits.

The Crocodile in Egypt.

It appears that the crocodile, like the faith which formerly esteemed it sacred, is practically extinct in Egypt. The steamers plying the Nile have had more effect in driving it from that river than the guns of sportsmen, according to Professor A. Sayce.—Boston Budget.

Mr. Howells and His Work.

Mr. Howells has been interviewed again. He does most of his work on a type writer. Considers a newspaper column a good day's work. Gets at writing about 9 and quits at 1 or 2. Reads the rest of the day and does alleged labor in the flower garden.—Detroit Free Press.

A French Widower's Explanation.

"How is this, son-in-law; you went to the ball last night, and here it is scarcely two months since you lost your wife?" "I acknowledge it, belle madame, but then, you know, I danced so sadly."—French Fun.



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